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## ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT DINNER

### 100 Years of Sun A Parade of Bathing Costumes

It's once again time for our much-anticipated Candlelight Dinner, a time for fun and fellowship.

The date is Wednesday, March 15; the place, Tavistock Country Club.

Informal greetings will begin at 6:30 P.M. with dinner following at 7:30. Reservations are \$27.00 per person. A form for your convenience has been included in this *Bulletin*. Please return the form by March 8.

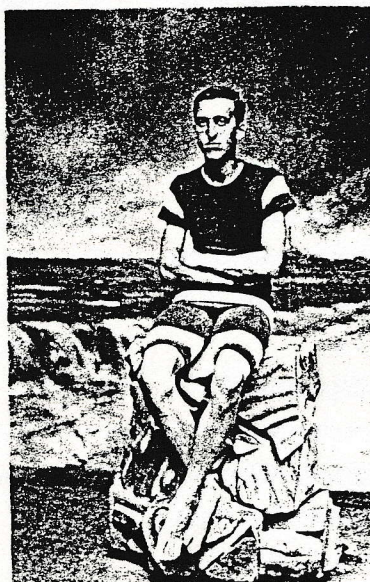
Enjoy an evening with friends while you learn about those wonderful old fashions for the bathing crowd.

### 100 YEARS OF SUN

Sensible...or outrageous??

You'll be able to decide when you attend our annual Candlelight Dinner this year. Mickey Mack and Dianne Snodgrass have once again put their heads together and produced an enlightening, entertaining event which includes bathing costumes acquisitioned to the Society, supplemented by new donations and loans just for the evening.

Look for scenes from the Jersey shore beaches, Delaware River shoreline, Mullica River waterfronts, and Mountwell Pool which will illustrate what people really wore in public, known as a bathing costume. The brief slide show will be accompanied by a general history of this unique garment which was used by both men and women.



### PARADE OF MODELS

After the slide show, live models will don bathing costumes circa 1900 to 1995 and wend their way through our gathering. You'll be able to see up close just what you or your parents, or perhaps your grandparents wore at the beach.

And just who are these brave models? Why, members of our Board of Trustees and a few guests, of course!

You won't want to miss this dinner. An unusual topic, but oh so fascinating, especially with your friend parading around in the dead of winter as though it's July.

Be sure to mail your reservations as soon as possible. No tickets will be issued for the dinner but we will put your name on our special list for the evening.

Since our last Bulletin, our Society has been a beehive of activity. The Haddon Fortnightly EMD Walking Tour and Tea capitalized on our Teddy Bear exhibit and we provided an educational and entertaining afternoon for thirty-eight people. This effort produced a profit of \$190.

October 29 found the Society in a complete change of face—both literally and figuratively. Howls and screams and ponderous organ music filled the air. Dead bodies, squirming trapped rats, and Aunt Agatha's haunting portrait assaulted our senses as our second Haunted House became a reality.

Jim Hansen (our house painter in his day job) brought the Markeim Art Center's Pumpkin Carve to our backyard. This event was successful for its first year in Haddonfield. Fliers were handed out at the town's Halloween Parade so that many witches and goblins came to see our display. They then visited the Pumpkin Carve.

This joint venture was profitable from all angles, but especially from the angle of \$320. We couldn't have done this event without the overwhelming support of Yvonne Carpenter and her family. Also helping were Barbara Crane, Christopher, Chris, and Tallie Dunyak, Mickey Mack, Debbe and Tom Mervine, Cyn Plucinski, Connie and Ed Reeves, and Debby Troemner. Consider coming next year. You wouldn't believe your Greenfield Hall.

The speaker from the Campbell Soup Museum, Felicia Rehmann, who spoke on "Artistry in Tureens", was outstanding. I've always been a soup lover but now I'm also a soup tureen lover. Thanks to Ed Reeves for the TV and VCR.

The Haddonfield Crafters Holiday Sampler brought 500 people into Greenfield Hall and we took in \$498 from the \$1 donations at the door. A funny aside: someone arrived with a \$100 bill and asked for change. Unruffled, Cyn Plucinski counted out \$99 change and the woman entered! Many people manned the door during the day from 7:30 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Thanks to all who helped.

1894. After the Theater at Greenfield Hall, an exhibit of the Haddonfield Garden Club, graced our building for five days in early December. This beautiful display was enjoyed by about fifty members at the Members' Reception and about twenty-five others on the following days. The Garden Club members worked magic on the downstairs rooms and everyone was enchanted with their ideas. I certainly wish more people would have seen the exhibit. Our publicity was excellent. Any ideas? Many thanks to the Garden Club and to our docents.

The last event of 1994 was our Holly Festival. This event found many people working in a variety of areas. Of course we had the ever-popular holly baskets for which the event is named, but we also had a plethora of baked goods in the keeping room and a table of commemoratives in the Victorian Parlor which benefited the Society directly. In addition there were ten crafters who sold their wonderful creations all over the first floor.

We were very pleased with a profit of \$900, but a sign and better weather next year will help us do more business. I'd better not thank members by name. So many worked behind the scenes that I'm sure I'd miss many. But I do want to congratulate everyone who helped to make the day so successful.

The tickets for our "Dinner in the Grand Style of Greenfield Hall" have been selling briskly. I've been a member of "The Staff" for all but one of these extravaganzas and I'm not sure who had more fun, the ticket winner and nine guests or the ten "Staff" members. If you haven't as yet returned your \$10 for the two tickets mailed to you, please do so. This year could be YOUR year to win! The drawing will be held at our annual Candlelight Dinner in March.

And speaking of the annual dinner on March 15, I can't wait to see the exhibit of old bathing suits (on live models) that Dianne and Mickey have arranged for us. This promises to be an evening you won't want to miss. Send in your reservations as soon as possible.

The next event on our calendar, March 23, is our tour of the Barnes Collection at the Philadelphia Museum of Art which has been organized by our Trips Chairman, Barbara Crane. This tour is a great way to view some of the finest paintings of the 19th and 20th centuries with a well-trained guide. If you haven't had lunch in the Museum's dining room recently, you're in for a treat. The buffet is delicious and reasonably priced.

As you can see, our fall was jam-packed with activities. Now that winter is here (although it's 70° outside as I write this) it's nice to take a breather. I hope the holidays were blessed for you and your families. You know, with a thirteen-month-old grandchild, mine were wonderful!

Yesterday's the Past,  
Tomorrow's the Future,  
But today is a gift.  
That's why it's called the Present.

- Bill Keane

## QUESTERS TO REMEMBER BLANCHE SAVERY

by Deborah Mervine

The Carrie Elizabeth Nicholson Hartel Chapter of the Questers, Inc., held a meeting and live auction on Friday night, January 13, at the home of Thomas and Debbe Mervine. The date was anything but unlucky for our Historical Society.

Eight hundred dollars was raised at this auction which, by Questers International By-laws, must be used for preservation and restoration purposes. At this dinner meeting it was voted to add the money to the approximately \$900 collected upon the death of one of their members, Blanche Savery, and to donate the total to the Historical Society Library.

The donation, totaling over \$1700, is to be earmarked for the preservation and restoration of our documents, deeds, and maps, etc., in the library. A large file case will be purchased and a plaque remembering Blanche Savery will be installed. An application for matching funds is being forwarded to the New Jersey Quester organization in hopes of increasing this very generous gift.

The Historical Society is extremely proud and pleased to accept this heartfelt gift from the Questers and will be honored to remember local resident Blanche Savery.

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### BLANCHE SAVERY

Blanche Savery, originally from the Midwest, moved east to go to college. After earning her master's degree, she acted as Coordinator for the Student Center at Drexel University.

During her marriage, she and her family resided on Mt. Vernon Avenue in Haddonfield. She was always very academically oriented, and was particularly interested in history and research. Everything from genealogy to discovering more about the Philadelphia Savery cabinet makers and the Savery foundry which produced irons and other similar items held her interest.

We feel that it is appropriate that the memory of Mrs. Savery will be preserved in the continuation of the research involving the history of our town.



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT- FIRST PHASE COMPLETED

by Joseph F. Haro

Five elementary schools in Haddonfield, involving over 150 students, have completed the first phase of the elementary school program sponsored by the Historical Society.

An architectural walking tour of historic Haddonfield was the first phase of the program for fifth graders. Schools participating were Central, Tatem, Christ the King, and Haddonfield Friends Elementary Schools. Because Elizabeth Haddon School was involved in another special program in the fall, they will attempt to schedule such a tour later in the year.

Six docents from the Historical Society participated in giving the tours. They were Joe Haro, Pat Lennon, Kathy Tassini, Debby Troemner, Cyn Plucinski, and Diane Wooten.

Phase Two of the program began in January with Dianne Snodgrass offering the guide training session to individuals who will be docents for the spring programs. These programs will be aimed at third and fourth grade students.

Those who have volunteered to participate in this program are DeForest Brest, Elizabeth Feicht, Joan Fiorella, Arlene Fiorilli, Joe Haro, Pat Lennon, Salvatore Mastriano, Pat Oberholzer, Cyn Plucinski, Kathy Tassini, Debby Troemner, Nancy Wills, Diane Wooten, and Mimi Yurkow.

The third grade programs will concentrate on activities involving the Friends Meeting House, Borough Hall, the fire station, and a tinsmith shop. The fourth grade program will center on areas dealing with New Jersey history including the Friends Meeting House, the Indian King Tavern, and Greenfield Hall.

If you are interested in participating in any of these programs, please contact Kathy Tassini, *History Comes Alive* Coordinator, at 429-7375.



### AT GREENFIELD HALL

Building and Grounds Chairman Tom Applegate reports that the copper gutters on the second floor of Greenfield Hall have been either repaired or replaced.

Also, a new American flag has been purchased for our second-floor flagpole. The American flag is displayed on national holidays and at other significant times. The old flag has been given to the American Legion Post 38 which retires such flags with the dignity they deserve.

NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARY by Kathy Tassini, Librarian

The library has had a very busy fall with a large number of researchers in to use our facilities. In addition, we have developed a strong corps of volunteers who have been making an impact upon the accessibility of the entire collection.

We have also had a number of wonderful additions to the collection over the past several months. It is through the thoughtfulness and generosity of many people during the past eighty years that we have been able to build one of the strongest local history collections in the area.

I would like to continue to ask members to be aware of the Society Library and the types of pictures which we do collect. We are ALWAYS looking for HOUSE PICTURES. People continually request old pictures of their houses, of old family homes or of neighborhoods in town. These photographs do not have to picture the house from the day it was completed. Changes which have taken place over time are also of interest to owners, historians and architects. So please remember the library when you have old deeds, contracts, drawings, or photographs relating to properties in town.

In addition, we are always interested in reminiscences, documents, letters, marriage certificates, anything which tells about the people, organizations, or events which have had an effect on everyday life here in Haddonfield. We are particularly interested in the period of the 20th century at this point. Much was not collected over the early part of this century and NOW is the time when many people are cleaning out materials relating to grandparents or parents which may be of use here in the library.

So, if you are thinking of throwing something out which relates to Haddonfield, please think about throwing it to the Society instead. We may sometimes end up throwing it away ourselves, but usually we end up adding it to the collection or sending it to another Society for their collection.

Below is a listing of some recent donations to the Society Library.

**Evans Family photographs, deeds, marriage certificates.** Gift of Ruth and Chizzy Evans.

**Survey of 406 Washington Avenue, 1946.** Gift of Lawrence Alff.

**HMHS Athletic Hall of Fame Dinners, 1993 and 1994.** Programs and ephemera. Gift of Myra Kain.

**Ancestral Chronological Record of the Hillman family, 1905,** Hillman, H.W. **WW II Ration Book 4.**

**Subscription to the *Retrospect*.** Gift of Marion Willits.

**Haddonfield Grange Building.** 12 color chromes, interior and exterior, prior to renovation by the Borough of Haddonfield. Gift of Deborah Garwood.

**The Batten Family,** Retha Batten. Woodbury: Gloucester County Historical Society, 1993. Gift of the author, Retha Batten.

**Bibles, books, photographs, and miscellaneous materials relating to the Allen, Cawley, and Rhoads families.** Gift of Robert Rhoads.

**Shakespeare Club (of Haddonfield) Minute Book, 1896-1897, and Haddonfield High School, 1909, graduation materials.** Gift of Marjorie Moody Shiffer.

**Newspaper clipping relating to former Mayor Fretz and his home on Euclid Avenue, 1969.** Gift of Martha Goettelman Oswald.

**Diaries of Edith Shelhorn Garwood covering various periods between 1909 and 1988.** Gift of Miriam Garwood Wurst.

**Books relating to Quakers and Quakerism (17 items).** Westtown School Yearbooks, 1919, 1920.

**Receipt book for estate of Isaac Jones, 1839. Miscellaneous pamphlets and notebooks from family of Edward W. Cooper.** Gift of Marjorie Cooper.



## THE OLD GANG FROM "THE ISLANDS"

### GROWING UP IN HADDONFIELD by Tom Applegate

Back in the late '40's and early '50's, the section of Haddonfield known as "the islands" included Tanner Street, Allen Avenue, Rosedale Avenue, and Atlantic and Wilkins Avenues. The Hi-Speed line has done away with Atlantic and Rosedale Avenues entirely and one side of Allen. Tanner Street and Wilkins are still there...but not the way they were when I was growing up on Wilkins Avenue.

At that time there was a Sinclair gas station where Tanner Village is now located. A lot more vacant fields meant a lot more ball playing. I think the name, "the islands", goes back before Wilkins Avenue was laid out as a street and the tannery used that area with its streams and water pits for tanning hides.

It's hard to believe how many teenaged kids were in one area. In the afternoons there would be a game of hose ball going on. We used an old broom handle for a bat and cut a garden hose into five-inch lengths for balls. As it got dark after dinner, a game of hide-and-seek would always get started. We would set boundary lines, the railroad on the west, King's Highway for the south side, Haddon Avenue on the east, and Wilkins Avenue as home base. Then we would choose sides.

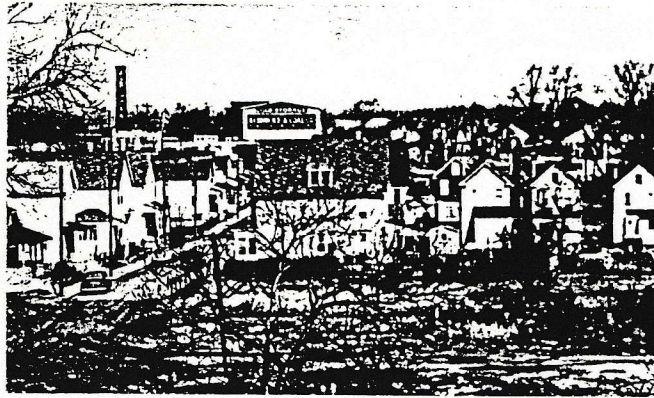
Bosco P. Pennelly would always decide who would be on what team. I can still hear him yelling out the names.

"O.K. On this side of the street I want Eric Epanifo, Harry Martin, Bee Bee Pangburst, Reds Recchino, Charlie Cotton, Bobby Usher, Lizzie Ding, Joany Nusbaumer, Eddie Colgate, Johny Holloway, the Hoffman brothers, Chickie Pangburn, and Bill Brown.

Now, on this side let's have Joey Wells, Donny and Ross Long, Pete Pfeiffer, Bobby Cotton, Johny Nusbaumer, Harry and Billy Shurbert, Joyce Pierce, Jimmy Epanifo, Walt Pangburn, Jarvis Recchino, Louise Cotton, Eddie Applegate, Phyllis Nusbaumer.

Now, which side is going to take little Tommy Applegate with them??"

Well, on this particular night I was on the team which had a half-hour start to go hide anywhere within the boundaries we had set. Somehow I ended up with Harry Martin and Bill Brown on the roof of the Sun Ray Drug Store. It was a neat place



to hide because there we had a good view of Tanner Street and King's Highway. Unfortunately, someone had spotted us. We all started to run at the same time, in the same direction. We collided and came crashing down through a skylight. Luckily, a display rack broke our fall and no one was hurt.

There we were, inside the drug store with no way to get out. Today the space is occupied by 59 East Restaurant and two smaller stores. Back at that time it was one big store.

Bill Brown headed for the soda fountain and tried to figure out how to make a milk shake. Harry Martin hurried to the cigarette counter and stuffed his shirt with packs.

I went right to the candy shelf and had eaten four or five Milky Ways by the time the police arrived. Needless to say, our fathers paid for the damages and repairs and we paid in different ways.

But I'll never forget all those good times I had growing up on Wilkins Avenue in "the islands".



*Tom still lives in Haddonfield, although not in "the islands". His great-grandfather, Jobe Applegate, had been a carpenter, a trade which was passed down to his sons, then to Tom's father. Today, Tom operates the remodeling business known as "Applegate Builders of Haddonfield, Inc."*

*We are fortunate to have Tom as the Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. Several years ago he was completely involved with the renovating of the Samuel Mickle House. Repairing that broken skylight would be no problem for him now.*

## FROM THE CANDLELIGHT DINNER, 1994

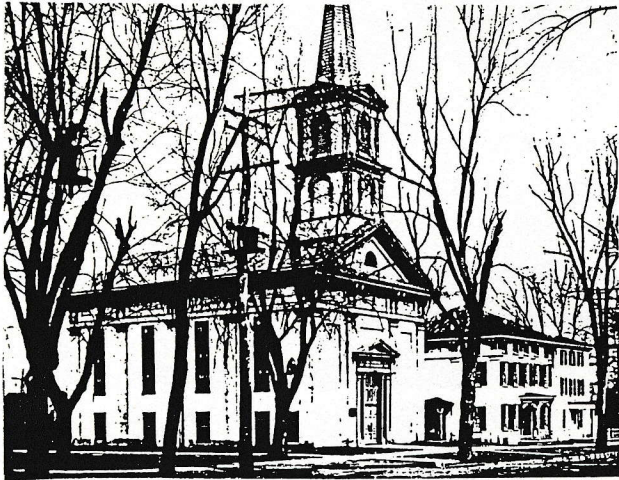
John Reisner's address to our membership at the annual Candlelight Dinner in 1994, *Catching Up with the Past*, looks back 80 or more years to 1914 to help us see our town as the founders of our Historical Society saw it. In the last issue of the *Bulletin*, excerpts from the first part of the speech were included. Here are excerpts from the concluding portion.

The address in its entirety can be read in our Society Library.

### CATCHING UP WITH THE PAST

by John H. Reisner, III

What organizations were active in town in 1914? A whole lot. The Artisans were 27 year old and had just obtained the old Methodist Church for a meeting house. The Fortnightly was 20



The Methodist Episcopal Church

years old, as was the D.A.R., Haddonfield Chapter. The Loving Service, which later became Visiting Nurses, was 12 years old while the Captain Jane Lawrence Chapter of the Daughters of the War of 1812 was 2 years old.

The Civic Association was a mere three years old, extremely active and feisty for so young a group. It had already contributed the bathhouse for the new Mountwell Pool and was currently after the commissioners to do something about the reckless drivers in town. It had also embarked upon another project, a campaign to fight the common house fly. Articles in the local newspaper included examples of why people should kill the flies now, in the spring:

"If one poor little fly...were allowed to live, it would be responsible by the end of September for enough flies to more than

girdle the earth if placed end to end..."

The article goes on to describe that "each little fly had six little feet, three on each corner." I have no idea what kind of flies they were looking at.

At that time there were two or three tennis clubs in town, the Haddonfield Club, the Colonial Ridge Tennis Club, and possibly the West Haddonfield Tennis Club. The last organization may have become defunct because the Elizabeth Haddon School had just been built where the club's courts were located.

Then, as now, Haddonfield was an interesting place. This was still the era of no mass entertainment. The town was responsible for its own entertainment and took that responsibility seriously. Everybody was doing minstrel shows: firemen, the Y.M.C.A., the girls' club. This was also the era of lectures. On March 20, 1914, Professor Julius Nelson, the state biologist, delivered a lecture in the high school "On the Wonders of Oysters".

Although the town was still tied to the farm economy, it was certainly in touch with the larger world. Of particular interest in the 1914 newspaper was a letter from a committee which had been formed for the building of the Memorial Bridge between Camden and Philadelphia. The proposed bridge was a hot issue in 1914, even though the bridge wasn't built for a decade. The article noted that when the bridge was built it was to be named after that most famous Philadelphian, to be called the William Penn Bridge.

Occasionally the local newspaper would run a self-laudatory issue. It ran one on July 3, 1914, boosterism to the nth degree:

"About probably the most beautiful, attractive and accessible of the suburban resident towns is Haddonfield, New Jersey. Haddonfield is a quaint old Quaker community of approximately 4600 inhabitants. While conservative in its general characteristics, it has within the past ten years made such progress that when reviewed is surprising."

What was going on in the wider world in 1914? The Panama Canal had just opened, the Marines had landed and occupied Veracruz in Mexico where a revolution was going on. In Europe the first World War began at the end of July, a month after Ferdinand Princip assassinated Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, Countess Sophie of Hohenberg, in a small backward provincial capital named Sarajevo.

In the United States a Democrat was in the White House

for the first time since Grover Cleveland. For a Republican town, this may have been almost as alarming as war breaking out in Europe.

It is important to realize that the character of the town was changing dramatically. The residents wanted to respond to that change but not lose their history, their heritage, the character of the community.

In the year 1913 several occurrences drove home the fact that there was really a loss of historical fabric in Haddonfield. A spectacular fire at the old Evans Mill destroyed the mill which was located near today's upper dam in Wallworth Park. It was also the year of the 200th anniversary of the settlement of Haddonfield in 1713.

What a spectacular Anniversary Celebration it must have been! An all-day event, it began at 10:00 A.M. on the Friends Meeting Ground. Two papers and a poem were read and a bronze plaque was dedicated. The afternoon festivities were held at the Samuel Wood Homestead, which we now know as the Elizabeth Haddon House, located on Wood Lane. The organizers expected about 2000 people...more than 5000 people attended the event.

The afternoon program began with a band concert, followed by a reading from Holy Scripture, a school children's chorus, 26 dramatic tableaux, an historical musical cantata, a poem, an historical address, and concluded with the singing of "America" by everyone present.



In the evening, at 8:00 P.M., a reception for the survivors was held at Artisan's Hall.

James Lane Pennypacker was the general chairman of the celebration, Samuel Nicholson Rhoads served as the secretary, and Julia Bedford Gill, as President of the Fortnightly, was also

completely involved in the celebration. These three persons became the founders of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. In the research they had done, they realized that a lot of historical fabric was being lost in Haddonfield and they worked together to see how they could save it.

The three founders are most interesting individuals. Samuel Nicholson Rhoads, born in 1862, lived to be 90 years old. He was a remarkable naturalist, active in community affairs in many ways, including membership in the Civic Association, and the presidency of both the Natural Science Club and the Public Library Board of Trustees. Rhoads was an able scholar who freely contributed his time and efforts to the adventure of developing an historical society.

Julia Lockwood Bedford Gill was the daughter of a Professor of Chemistry at the College of Pharmacy in New York. In 1897 she came to Haddonfield for a vacation. Here she met Ephraim Tomlinson Gill whom she later married. Active in many organizations, Mrs. Gill worked tirelessly to see that the Haddonfield Library and Historical Society Building, which we now know as the town library, came to be a reality. In her speech on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone for the library, she talks about those who came before:

"It is not only our privilege, it is our duty to perpetuate the memory of their virtues and victories, and to preserve from decay and ruin the historic possessions that are our priceless heritage".

The third person involved was my great-grandfather, James Lane Pennypacker. After growing up in Philadelphia, he moved to Haddonfield with his bride. He lived here for 48 years. Professionally he was involved with the Christopher Sellers Company Publishing House. As for his community activities, he was involved with the Haddon Athenaeum and the Young Men's Literary Society. He served as president of both the Historical Society and the Natural Science Club and was a member of many other organizations.

He too was involved with the preservation of the town's heritage and was aware that there was a serious problem with the loss of the past.

So, this being the case, what did our predecessors do? They formed our society, "The Historical Society of Haddonfield, New Jersey." They were much identified with our state and specifically included the state's name as part of the name of the

Society. At the call of these three individuals, 46 citizens met on October 26, 1914, resolved to form the Society. They organized a committee to draft the Constitution which was adopted on November 24 with 137 charter members.

The charge they gave themselves is a pretty tall order:

"The objects of this Society shall be the study of the history of the Borough of Haddonfield, the County of Camden, and the State of New Jersey; the study of organizations, societies, families, individuals and events; the collection and preservation of articles of historic value; the establishment and maintenance of an historical library; and the publication, from time to time, of such historical information as may be deemed expedient."

So that is how our Society started. On the basis of our visit to the Haddonfield of 1914, we can now step back to the present and perhaps understand a bit more about the forces felt in town when the Society was organized. When it was organized, what did the members do?

They immediately began to scurry around looking for the past. They started a library which has developed into the wonderful library we have today. They started a collection; today we have an excellent collection of historically-significant artifacts. They went about acquiring a building to house the collection and library. Greenfield Hall is the third home of the Society.

They did a pretty good job. They were enthusiastic, organized, and they accomplished their objective: they started to preserve the past.

But there is one thing they did not do particularly well.

They did not preserve their present. In researching the talk for this evening, I could find only four weekly editions of the *Haddon Gazette* from 1914 out of the fifty-two issued that year. There was no map of the town from that year to determine the exact extent of development. Although they found and preserved the past, they were not nearly so good about preserving their present.

I suggest that the Historical Society has more than just one job. It should not only be the repository of the past for the present, it should also be the repository of the present for the future. **That's because in the future our present will be their past.**

The significance of this is that we have an important year coming up, the year 2000. That year will be a baseline year, not only for a century, but for even longer. The Historical Society should be mindful of that and should organize, either in or out of the Society, with other organizations in town, a "Project 2000". We should collect, organize, and preserve an appropriate Year 2000 baseline of history, of facts, of documents, and of records for use by the future.

If we are the Historical Society, we can do many things. Perhaps we could do a "Day in the Life" of the community, a photographic record of town, make a collection of records, directories, newspapers, telephone books. **In the choice of what we preserve, we are ourselves committing history. In the very decisions we make, we are saying things about ourselves for the future.**

This must not deter us. By collecting this information, we are making it possible for future citizens to better understand us. And that is certainly one of the things our Historical Society has a responsibility to do.

## DINNER IN THE GRAND STYLE OF GREENFIELD HALL

A special candlelight setting in a gracious old mansion. A long table, beautifully appointed with silver, crystal, lace. Lovely flowers brightening the decor. A menu you have helped to choose for nine friends and yourself. Well-trained servers adding to the evening's elegance.

It may sound like a fantasy but it doesn't have to be. You have as good an opportunity to win as anyone else. But first you'll have to buy the tickets. For just five dollars, you can buy a ticket which may change the dream to a reality. We'll know rather soon. The drawing for the winner will be held at the annual Candlelight Dinner on March 15.

Have you returned the tickets which were mailed to you last November? Maybe you'd like some more for yourself or to sell to friends. You can imagine how much fun it would be to enjoy a sumptuous dinner prepared and served by Society officers. Last year we even had a butler; we hope to be as lucky this year.

This is an important fund-raiser for your Society and we're counting on all members for support. Hope to see **you** at the *Dinner* in April!

## TRUSTEE RESIGNATION

Kerry Fitzpatrick has resigned as a Trustee of the Historical Society because of a change of residence from this area. We are sorry to lose his experience and expertise in managing organizations such as ours. Our sincere best wishes go with him in his new endeavors.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of officers to replace the trustees whose terms expire in 1995 and to fill the term vacated by Mr. Fitzpatrick's resignation. Candidates will also be selected for the offices of secretary and treasurer.

This is a good time to volunteer to serve the Society in one of the above capacities. Susan Hunter or Debby Troemner of the Committee will be happy to discuss the duties of these officers with you. Leave a message on the answering machine at 429-7375 and they'll be sure to contact you.



Join us at Tavistock!!

## VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

We're still hoping to find volunteers to help at the Greenfield Hall office on Wednesday and Friday. Sheila Hawkes and Ed Norcross share the Monday duties, the Society has coverage on Tuesday and Thursday mornings when the library is open, but the office is closed tight on Wednesday and Friday.

The answering machine is a poor way to greet our members and potential visitors who want to communicate with us. Can you donate some time for the Society? Maybe you and a friend would share a particular weekday.

As a volunteer, you'd be there to answer the phone, sort the mail, inform the officers of any pertinent news. Occasionally a visitor might stop by to ask for information or to purchase commemoratives. You would not be expected to give tours, but you will be able to meet friendly people.

If you are interested, please call Greenfield Hall at 429-7375 and leave your name and telephone number on that machine. We'll get back to you!

## MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to all those members who have joined since our last *Bulletin* was published. Our membership now stands at 420. We extend a sincere invitation to each one of the 420 to join us in our meetings and our activities. We're looking forward to meeting new friends and renewing old friendships.

### NEW MEMBERS

*JoAnn H. Bowman*      *Gary R. Shivers*  
*Marilyn Longo*      *Joyce Levy*

*Andree Buller*

*Leslie and Michael J. Donnelly*

*Joyce and John Marchetti*

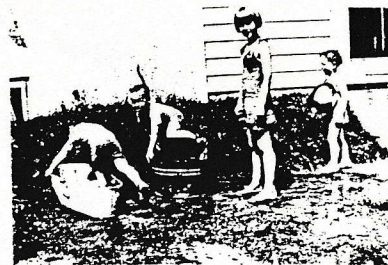
*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham*

## AN OPPORTUNITY

It was back in 1986, at the request of then-president Mary Carll, that Ed Reeves brought the Society into the 20th century by computerizing the membership operation. Over the next few years, he refined the system and created a data base and spread sheet to maintain the records. Ed developed the application and renewal forms which we now use and has been a contributing member of the Executive Board during all those years.

At this time, however, Ed is interested in turning the reins of the Membership Committee over to someone else. All the programs are installed in the Greenfield Hall computer and Ed will be happy to train the new chairman.

Won't you consider this interesting position? Leave a message at Greenfield Hall or call Ed at 429-0326 for more details.



## OFF TO THE MUSEUM

Don't forget. Thursday, March 23, is the big day for those of you who have signed up for the guided tour of the Barnes Foundation's *Great French Paintings from Cézanne to Matisse* at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

This is the last stop on the famous international tour before the collection is returned to the estate of the late Albert C. Barnes in Merion.

## HAIR IN THE NEWS

It seems as though "Victorian Handiwork", written by Betty and Stuart Lyons in our last *Bulletin*, came at an appropriate time. According to the January 13 issue of *USA Today*, "jewelry made with human hair is a downtown (N.Y.) rage that has snagged uptown interest". The article goes on to say that one of Manhattan's hair salons is considering making up hair necklaces from the leftover locks of preferred customers.

It will probably make an interesting item for a New York Historical Society in the year 2090.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- March 1.....Board Meeting, 7:45 PM. Place to be announced later
- 15.....Annual Candlelight Dinner, 6:30 PM  
Tavistock Country Club. Antique bathing suit fashion show. Gourmet dinner drawing.
- 23.....Barnes Collection tour. Carpool from Wedgewood Swim Club.
- April 5.....Board Meeting, 7:45 PM. Home of Barbara Crane; Hostess, Cyn Plucinski

## THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Helene Zimmer-Loew and the Development Committee have been studying the Vision 2000 statement. They are presently setting priorities and initiating strategies to accomplish our goals. Your ideas and assistance in this area will be greatly appreciated.

Call Helene at 795-4443 with your suggestions.



## CANDLELIGHT PROGRAM NOTES

by Dianne Snodgrass

A number of important social and economic factors combined to create the bathing costume in each era. Remember that sports in the 19th century were becoming the rage and each sport needed its special outfit. The Industrial Revolution was rapidly creating a middle class who had excess money to spend. Leisure time was a possibility for most families. Communications technology was growing, bringing in worldwide news at a faster pace in the form of newspapers and periodicals.

Women were speaking out on issues heretofore not accepted. They were going to college in greater numbers creating a higher educated female population. The fashion industry was ready and willing to create the concept of "what-to-wear in the water."

However, one big problem hung over this concept - Victorian mores. Consequently, contrary to what you might think, men's bathing costumes were manufactured in bright colors and bold stripes. Women's bathing costumes were horrid creations of drab, baggy dresses with pantaloons, black stockings, and a head covering.

The evolution from this scene to what we see today is certainly an interesting historical journey.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD 1994-95

I (We) would like to join the Historical Society of Haddonfield. The type of membership desired is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                   | \$20.00   |
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Please mail all forms to: The Historical Society of Haddonfield, Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East  
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*You are cordially invited to attend the annual*

*Candlelight Dinner*

*of the Historical Society of Haddonfield*

*Wednesday, March 15, 1995*

*Tavistock Country Club*

*Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres at 6:30 P.M.*

*Dinner at 7:30 P.M.*

*Program: 100 Years of Sun  
A Parade of Bathing Costumes*

*Dinner Menu  
Cream of Broccoli Soup  
Caesar Salad with Garlic Toast*

*Tenderloin en Brochette  
Roasted New Potatoes with Rosemary and Olive Oil  
Carrot Souffle  
Rolls Butter*

*Warm Apple Crisp with Crumb Topping  
Coffee Brewed Decaffeinated Coffee Tea*

If you have any dietary problems, please let us know; Tavistock will be happy to accommodate you.

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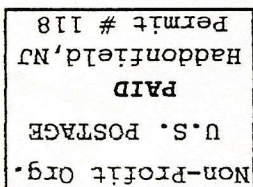
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Number attending at \$27.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Reserved seating will not be available. For further information, call 429-7375 .



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